

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF AVIATION COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 28, 2005

The Hamilton County Board of Aviation Commissioners met on Friday, January 28, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center. A quorum was present of Tom Kapostasy, Jon Ogle, Don Silvey and Tim Tolson.

**Funding Proposal for Indianapolis Executive Airport**

Brad Beaver stated he is in favor of the funding proposal presented to the County Council on January 19, 2005. Beaver stated in his opinion you four are the Aviation Board. The county spent \$4.7 million of taxpayer's money to acquire that airport. You are responsible.

Beaver stated he understands the Aviation Board wants to change the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) to apply for FAA and State aviation money. His understanding, after speaking with Robin Mills, that currently whatever FAA money you receive for the new priorities will go into your existing line items. You spend it how you want to. Tom Kapostasy stated the money has to go towards what project you applied for. We don't have any discretion, it is a reimbursement. The difference is the TIF money, if you get TIF money it will go into a different fund, which will have to be appropriated by the County Council. Kapostasy stated we do not have a capital budget at this time. Beaver stated theoretically we will have approved your capital budget by approving the CIP. Beaver stated if the Board wants he will make a motion to approve the CIP, which in effect would be approving your capital budget.

Brad reviewed the proposed CIP. Brad and the Board agreed that moving the Runway Safety Area Grading & Glide Slope for \$600,000 is first. #2 - Partial Parallel Taxiway, - completing the taxiway parallel to the runway. Beaver stated in his opinion that is a high priority. #3 - Reimbursement. #4 - Fuel System. Silvey stated right now the existing fuel system is inside the protected zone and it should not be there. Beaver stated the priorities are fine with him. There is no problem with redoing the CIP.

Beaver stated when we first started this we owed Ray VanSickle \$1.7 million. We currently owe VanSickle \$1.4 million. We need to move towards repaying that \$1.7 in 2008. The Auditor has included \$300,000 last year and this year in the general fund towards this payment. Beaver stated he thinks it is best to leave it there until we find out if the TIF funding will work. Rick McKinney stated that has never been in question, we will make that payment.

Beaver stated he understands the safety issues, the county spent \$4.7 million on the airport, this Board is in charge, and your job is to protect the airport and the county's investment. Why is it good for Hamilton County to have more than 100 airplanes? Ogle stated it will move us up on the FAA's list of priorities for funding. Beaver asked if the cost we incur to get to 100 planes is worth what we are going to get back. Silvey stated we hope to get more. We are looking at getting more money out of FAA than the money we are getting from TIF. Kapostasy stated we are trying to get a core of activities going at the airport, so it is a real airport. That is where the real value comes in, to lease the space around this. Kapostasy stated in order to get the Montgomery's to be the airport managers the county gave them the right to first bid towards the primary real estate. Kapostasy stated it makes sense to have the Montgomery's build the first 80 hangers. We would rather own it, but we did not have the capital to do it. The T-hangers beyond the first 80 are the county's.

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Beaver stated the Board needs to be proactive as to protecting the airport. He is in agreement with the financial plan. Along with economic development, protection of the airport is important. Kapostasy stated he thinks 3 years from now, when we are up and running and we see how much traffic there is, we will have to be aggressive on the approach protection.

Beaver stated the Board needs to develop a complete functioning aviation budget. Ogle stated as an airport board, operating as an airport authority, we would be entitled to a certain percentage of the property tax levy. McKinney asked if you could do that as you are configured now? Ogle stated you have to be an airport authority. Beaver stated that is not happening in the near future.

John Hiatt asked what kind of agreement do we have on the house? Silvey stated Montgomery's have a two-acre lease. He paid to build the house, the day that he leaves the county buys the house back from him. The county owns the land.

**Visitors and Convention Bureau**

Beaver asked if the Board has contacted the Hamilton County Visitors and Convention Bureau to have the airport included in their brochures? Tim Tolson stated they have just started.

**Name Change**

Ogle stated a possible name change will be an issue of compromise with the county commissioners. Advertisements are going out, the airport is known as Indianapolis Executive. Silvey stated it is a complicated procedure. We have an airport that is located on the same flight maps as Hamilton, Ohio. Beaver stated that is an airport board issue.

Beaver stated they would recommend approval of the funding proposal to the county council.

The Redevelopment Commission public hearing regarding the TIF Funding is scheduled for February 24, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

Beaver, Hiatt and McKinney left the meeting.

**Name Change Continued**

Silvey stated the subject of the name change has been discussed with the Montgomery's. They did bring up the complication of another airport named Hamilton County, Ohio. Silvey stated the Hamilton County Commissioners want to see the name changed. Kapostasy stated he found a second Hamilton County Airport in Kansas. Silvey stated he suggested to the commissioners a compromise of Indianapolis Executive Hamilton County Airport. Silvey stated it is our decision to change the name. Howard has investigated using the TIF money for a round about and that can be done along with the proposed airport improvements. Ogle stated the Aviation Board could approve a resolution to make the name change. Kapostasy stated he would like a resolution stating that the Board will commit to working with marketing professionals, FAA and interested parties to find the best way to insert the word Hamilton into the airport name. Kapostasy stated we have to work with the FAA and they could say no. Ogle stated with three name changes in three years, he has concerns the FAA may wonder who is running the airport. Kapostasy will prepare a resolution.

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Meeting adjourned.

**Present**

Brad Beaver  
Rick McKinney  
John Hiatt  
Tom Kapostasy  
Jon Ogle  
Don Silvey  
Tim Tolson  
Kim Rauch

Approved

Attest

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Tom Kapostasy, President

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Kim Rauch, Secretary

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